

was a devoted husband, father, veteran, and newsman that left an indelible memory on the lives of so many. My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Fallstrom's family as central Illinois has lost a truly bright and impactful leader.

**HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR.  
ALGIN ROBERTS**

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 21, 2015*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Mr. Algin Roberts, of Frankfort, Kentucky. Mr. Roberts celebrates his ninetieth birthday on July 26th, and I want to honor that special occasion by acknowledging his distinguished military service during World War II. Mr. Roberts, a part of the greatest generation, served our nation in the United States Army.

Mr. Roberts joined the Army when he was just fifteen and he turned sixteen while crossing the Atlantic to fight. He was a member of the Army's 1st Infantry Division. They took part in the invasion of North Africa and Sicily. They were later sent to England for R&R and were a part of the D-Day invasion in 1944. Mr. Roberts' unit was among the first to land on Omaha Beach where the fighting was fierce. Mr. Roberts later came down with malaria and spent a long recovery time in England.

After the war, Mr. Roberts returned home and became a Kentucky State Police officer where he had a long and distinguished career.

The bravery of Mr. Roberts and his fellow men and women of the United States Army is heroic. Because of the courage of individuals from Franklin County and from all across our great nation, our freedoms have been saved for our generation and for future generations. He is truly an outstanding American, a patriot, and a hero to us all. On the special occasion of his ninetieth birthday, he and his family can reflect proudly on his contributions to the world through his brave military service.

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO  
THE VICTIMS OF THE SENSE-  
LESS SHOOTING IN CHAT-  
TANOOGA, TENNESSEE**

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 21, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to speak out against the senseless loss of innocent lives resulting from another unthinkable act of violence.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who were affected by the shootings on Thursday morning, July 16, especially the victims, the families, and our military community affected by this catastrophe.

From current reports, we know that gunshots were fired at a military recruiting center and a Navy Reserve center in different parts of Chattanooga, Tennessee, late Thursday morning, tragically taking the lives of four Marines and wounding several others.

I want to commend the law enforcement and emergency service agencies for their

prompt response and management of this morning's tragic shootings and for carrying out the investigation thereafter.

Americans come together at such times of tragedy to support each other.

So at this time, I ask all Americans to keep the victims, their families, and our military members, in their thoughts and prayers.

There is no place in a civilized society for such senseless acts of violence.

Changing a culture of violence will not happen overnight but that is no excuse for failing to try.

We must keep trying. We must work tirelessly. For the sake of the victims of Chattanooga, Tennessee, we must not give up.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of the victims in Tennessee, and victims of gun violence everywhere.

**OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT**

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 21, 2015*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,151,862,792,175.02. We've added \$7,524,985,743,261.94 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

**TRIBUTE TO JERRY AND JOYCE  
MEZ**

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 21, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerry and Joyce Mez, owners of the Farmall-Land Museum in Avoca, Iowa. Since 2005, Jerry and Joyce have greeted visitors to their museum, home of over 200 International Harvester tractors. Visitors from all 50 states and at least 16 countries, including Australia, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands, have viewed this outstanding collection of tractors.

The Farmall tractors are known as "reds" due to their distinctive color. Though the museum opened 10 years ago, it has been Jerry's dream for some 40 years. He started collecting International Harvester tractors in 1970. His museum idea followed shortly thereafter. The oldest Farmall tractor in his collection is a 1914 model and the newest model is dated 1985. Joyce also takes an active role in the museum. She helped develop a lounge so patrons could rest during the museum tour, which covers 26,500 square feet. The lounge is known as the "Tractor Widows Lounge." Jerry and Joyce take great pride in sharing their collection with the hundreds of visitors each year.

I commend Jerry and Joyce for establishing the Farmall-Land Museum in Avoca, Iowa. The museum is a great addition to the City of

Avoca and to the State of Iowa. I am proud to represent Jerry and Joyce in the United States Congress. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating them for achieving their dream and for sharing their collection with us. I wish them and their family nothing but the best moving forward.

**RECOGNIZING EMMA SHIREY'S  
FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR ACHIEVE-  
MENT**

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 21, 2015*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Emma Shirey on receiving a renowned Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant for the 2014–2015 academic year.

Emma, a native of Nixa, Missouri, was awarded the Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant to teach in Taiwan, where she has gained valuable career experience serving as an English Teaching Assistant. The award has allowed Emma to interact with young Taiwanese students and make valuable contributions to Taiwan's youth after her graduation from Truman State University with a degree in Sociology.

A Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship allows individuals to teach English and serve as a cultural ambassador for the U.S. by being placed in a classroom abroad. In doing so, Emma has successfully played a big role in spreading the value of American ideas and education.

I am extremely proud that talented, hard-working and dedicated individuals, such as Emma, represent the Seventh District of Missouri. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Emma Shirey for her service and for receiving this esteemed award.

**IN HONOR OF BECKY MOELLER,  
PAST PRESIDENT AND SEC-  
RETARY-TREASURER FOR THE  
TEXAS AFL-CIO**

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 21, 2015*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Becky K. Moeller for her service to the organized labor movement as Secretary-Treasurer and President of the Texas AFL-CIO. Ms. Moeller's retirement comes after her long tenure within the Texas AFL-CIO, where she worked to advance hands-on political and legislative educational programs and fight for working people against tough odds.

In 2003, Ms. Becky Moeller was elected as Secretary-Treasurer for the Texas AFL-CIO, making her the first woman to hold a statewide elected office in the Texas AFL-CIO. During her four year tenure as Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. Moeller used her budgetary expertise to keep many of the organization's signature programs despite a decline in funds.

In 2007, Ms. Moeller was elected President of the Texas AFL-CIO, effectively overseeing the 235,000-member labor federation's legislative, political education and community service programs.